

**NOMINATION CRITERIA
BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT
“EXCELLENCE IN INTERPRETATION OR ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION”
AWARDS**

1. ELIGIBILITY - Any BLM employee or team involved in interpretation and/or environmental education efforts is eligible. Emphasis should be placed on actual accomplishments, rather than job assignment.

2. PURPOSE OF THE AWARD - The BLM “Excellence in Interpretation or Environmental Education” Awards were created to recognize and reward outstanding contributions to interpretation and/or environmental education efforts in the BLM.

3. NOMINATION PACKAGE - The nomination should include the following: Nominee’s name, address, and phone number; name and phone number of BLM contact or employee’s supervisor; and a justification describing the nominee’s accomplishments. The nomination justification should be a concise description of the nominee’s project(s) or efforts that clearly shows why he/she deserves this award. **The justification should address the criteria below so that the judging panel can easily compare nomination packages.** The nomination justification should be a maximum of three single-spaced, typed pages. Up to five pages of supportive material, including photographs and letters of recommendation, may be attached. Photographs should properly identify subjects, settings, and activities portrayed, and should be mounted on 8-1/2” x 11” paper. Please submit four copies of each nomination package. Please also include one electronic photograph of the nominee; the photograph should be a head or head/shoulders shot. Photographs of award finalists will be used in the awards program brochure to be given out at the ceremony.

4. NOMINATION CRITERIA -

Nominations will be judged on the following:

- (1) creativity and originality of nominee’s program, project, or product;
- (2) degree to which the nominee’s program, project, or product has enhanced the public’s awareness of the cultural and natural resources of the public lands and their relationship to people;
- (3) degree to which the nominee’s program, project, or product has provided members of the public opportunities to acquire the knowledge, values, attitudes, commitment, and skills needed to protect and improve both public and private lands;
- (4) degree to which the nominee’s program, project, or product has helped BLM to accomplish management goals and objectives;
- (5) degree to which the nominee’s program, project, or product has involved partners; and
- (6) degree to which nominee has developed programs, projects, or products that are accessible and sensitive to a diverse audience.

The nominee's program, project, or product must:

- (1) have been completed within the preceding calendar year (but may involve a multi-year project);
- (2) be part of the employee's official duty, rather than a personal project not sanctioned by BLM; and
- (3) be a field-level program, project, or product.

5. SELECTION COMMITTEE

The selection committee will consist of a BLM national or state lead for interpretation, a representative from the Washington Office Recreation Group or a Washington Office resource group, the Director of the National Association for Interpretation or his/her appointed representative, the Director of the North American Association for Environmental Education or his/her appointed representative, and a member of the Washington Office Environmental Education and Volunteers Group.

6. SELECTION OF NOMINEES

The top four nominees will be announced in August; the top award winner will be announced at the awards ceremony by the BLM Director or a representative.